

Revised Format for Amendments promulgated earlier in 2003 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is due October 1, 2004, this Response is therefore considered timely filed.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as indicated in the replacement paragraph below. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added to the specification. Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments show in the replacement paragraphs be accepted and entered into the file of the above styled case.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-6 and 15-26 without prejudice to file same in a continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional or co-pending application, and amend the remaining claims as indicated below.

Applicant respectfully submits that no amendments have been made to the pending claims for the purpose of overcoming any prior art rejections that would restrict the literal scope of the claims or equivalents thereof.